



1,500 bicyclists expected at annual Tour de Tempe bike ride Oct. 23

More than 1,500 people are expected to participate in the tenth annual Tour de Tempe community bike ride Oct. 23. The ride begins and ends at a new location this year. Participants should meet at the parking lot off of Baseline Road just west of Mill Avenue in Tempe's Kiwanis Park. Riders will enjoy some of the most distinct bikeways in Arizona during this 14-mile ride that begins at 9 a.m. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m.

Tour de Tempe, Tempe's Free Leisurely Community Bike Ride, is a fun, non-competitive ride that weaves through diverse neighborhoods, downtown Tempe, public art projects and other Tempe sites.

All riders will receive free breakfast snacks, and artist-designed T-shirts will be distributed to the first 800 registrants. Helmets are required and can be purchased for \$10 - \$15 (cash or check only) the day of the event through Safe Kids Coalition. (Quantities are limited.)

Tour de Tempe sponsors include Back East Bagel Company, Berning's Fine Jewelry, REI, Starbucks, Whole Foods Market, Wildflower Bread Company and Tempe in Motion.

Tempe has more than 150 miles of dedicated bikeways, including on-street bike lanes and off-street multi-use paths and is designated a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. For more information, call (480) 350-2775 or visit www.tempe.gov/bikeprogram.

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